

February 13, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at the Levee Board Office, 3404 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana. The President, Kenneth Loftin, called the meeting to order:

PRESENT: Branton, Sinclair, Rabb, Webb, Alley, Lasseigne, Lofton and Jay
Collins, DOTD Engineer

ABSENT: Larkin and Bantle

The first order of business was the opening prayer given by Commissioner Lasseigne.

The second order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lasseigne.

On motion by Alley, seconded by Webb, duly passed, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2013 and the special meeting held on January 29, 2013 were approved. No comments from the public.

On motion by Branton, seconded by Webb the current agenda was amended to include a permit request by the Bossier Parish Police Jury concerning the replacement of the Dogwood Trail Bridge. No comments from the public.

REQUESTS BY VISITORS:

Mr. Reggie Lewis with Raley and Associates representing Tiburon Development appeared requesting a permit to place a parking lot inside the levee district 100 foot easement.

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Rabb, Lasseigne abstaining, duly passed the Board approved said permit subject to final plans being reviewed by Mr. Mark Long and subject to the requirements of the DOTD and the City of Bossier City. No comments from the public.

Mr. Andy Craig with Mohr and Associates representing Mr. Paul Ibling appeared requesting a 50 foot easement reduction and permit to place the driveway of the development inside the levee district's easement along Willow Chute Bayou.

On motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Alley, duly passed the Board gave an intent to approve said reduction and permit subject to the following: a no impact certificate from the Bossier Parish Police Jury, access for maintenance equipment to

do any repairs to the channel, holding the levee district harmless from any damage to the driveway and the review and approval of the final plans for the development.

No comments from the public.

Mr. Kurt Nixon with Nixon Engineering appeared representing TAG Land Development requesting a permit for the removal of the south spoil bank along the entire length of Flat River Drainage Channel on said property. None of the spoil bank will be removed below the 100-year flood elevation and to install (3) 36" plastic outfall pipes, (1) 30" plastic outfall pipe and (1) 15" plastic pipe into the storage ponds.

On motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Scott duly passed the Board the Board approved request subject to the following: approval of the final plans, provide the Board with a erosion control plan, concrete aprons are place around the pipe ends and the requirements of the DOTD and Bossier Parish Police Jury are met. The outfall pipes to be placed on said property will be maintained by the developer or home owners association. No comment from the public.

Mr. Buddy King appeared before the Board requesting some guidance concerning his desire to develop his property along Lateral B-4. After a brief discussion between Mr. King and the Board it was recommended that Mr. King come before the Board at a later date with new plans for his development.

Mr. Loftin introduced Mr. Tom Arceneaux who is the new attorney for the Levee District.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed a letter from the Red River Valley Association requesting continued support of their upcoming annual convention held in Shreveport, Louisiana on February 20-22, 2013.

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Alley, duly passed the Board approved a sponsorship for the convention in the amount of \$750.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the three remaining homes that they acquired in the 1990's due to the caving on Flat River on Brookside Drive, Bossier City, La.

On motion by Alley, seconded by Branton duly passed the Board approved the selling of these homes after some repairs were made.

Mr. Scott Sinclair, chairman of the GIS committee gave a report concerning the hiring of a GIS coordinator. Mr. Sinclair recommended Ms. Tonya Allen for this position at a rate of \$65.00 - \$85.00 per hour. After some discussion the Board appointed Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Lasseigne to contact Ms. Allen and negotiate a rate of pay and specify her duties for this position. No comments from the public.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for the year 2013-2014 to be presented at the March meeting, no official action was taken. No comments from the public.

On motion by Webb, seconded by Rabb duly passed the Board approved a resolution requesting the Bossier Parish Police Jury to have the Willow Chute Bayou (East & West Laterals) FEMA maps updated from Kingston Road to Cross Creek Drive. This is flood area A.

Mr. Scott Sinclair gave a report from the easement policy committee. He stated that the committee is in the process of setting guidelines for the different channels within its jurisdiction. No comments from the public.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Bossier Parish Police Jury requesting a permit to replace the existing bridge on Dogwood Trail over Flat River. The current bridge is an 8 span concrete bridge; the proposed bridge will be a concrete structure with 5 spans each measuring 40 feet long.

On motion by Branton, seconded by Webb duly passed the Board approved said permit subject to the requirements of the DOTD and Corps of Engineers. No comments from the public.

LEVEE AND DRAINAGE REPORT:

. Red Chute Levee Improvement Project*

-Received a Final Preliminary Engineering Report from Denmon Engineering for raising the levee; soil borings and environmental study underway. Bossier Parish and City of Bossier are funding No Rise Study for the proposed levee project; the estimated time for completion is 90 days.

On motion by Rabb, seconded by Alley, duly passed the Board approved Mr. Long to make a pre-application for the state wide flood control funds and to acquire an estimate from an engineering firm concerning the cost of the full application.

Bossier Drainage Maintenance Initiative

-Cleanout on Glorioso Ditch from the Industrial Drive Extension to KCS Railroad is rescheduled for summer 2013 due to wet conditions.

-Channel maintenance underway on Flat River between Sligo Road and Barksdale Air Base.

-Contract work planned for channel maintenance from Sligo Road North approximately 9,000 feet.
Flat River Channel clean out – plan to get bids for tree removal near homes and businesses located north of Sligo Road.

Herndon Ditch Bridge Repair*

-Plans for bridge repair are ongoing. Getting engineering work done for replacement.

Red River Levee

-Station 1078+00 to 1112+00, area shown as having minimal to no batture in the USACE 2011 Inspection Report; plans for corrective action (levee setback) have been developed and submitted for Corps preliminary approval.

-Approval needed to solicit bids for the levee setback project.

On motion by Branton, seconded by Alley, the Board requested Mr. Long to obtain quotes for the Red River Levee Set-back project.

Equipment Purchase Request

-160 track excavator needed for channel maintenance work.

Levee and Drainage Crews

-Removing dead trees and debris from Red Chute Bayou.

-Removing trees from Flat River Channel south of Barksdale Air Base.

-Inspecting levees, channels, and drainage structures.

-Cleaning outfall pipes and flap gates.

-Servicing and repairing equipment.

-Breaking beaver dams.

-Removing debris drift from bridges.

The Board advised Mr. Long to acquire the cost of either leasing or purchasing a new track hoe and report to the equipment committee for their comments.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Alley duly passed, the Board adopted a resolution approving the expenditures for January, 2013. No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Webb, seconded by Alley, duly passed, the Board adjourned.

Kenneth Loftin, President

Mary Jane Easterly, Secretary

